

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on August 23, 2005, and the references cited therewith.

The specification has been amended to update the priority information.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-4 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 15-18, 21-24, 27-30, 33-37 and 40-44 of U.S. Patent No. 6,607,599.

Applicant does not admit that the claims are obvious in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,607,599. However, a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(b)(iv) is enclosed herewith to obviate this rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6970 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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